Marketing of Inactivated Rabies Vaccines

1158. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.;

(a) whether it is a fact that Inactivated Aabies Vaccines being marketed in the country are not of standard quality;

(b) whether any samples of inactivated rabies vaccines have been drawn from market for testing;

(c) if so, the number thereof and report of each;

(d) what was the report of tha test of the two samples of imported consignments;

(e)' whether it is a fact that this Vaccine is very costly;

(f) if so, what i_s the total course of this vaccine and how much it cosi« to individual patient; and

(g) what are the reasons for non-testing of each and every consignment imported in the country?

itiL MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) It is not a fact that Inactivated Rabies Vaccine js marketed in the country is not of tandard quality. During the vear 'J86-87, out of three samples of Inactivated Rabies Vaccine drawn fiom imrket for testing, two samples were reported. t_0 be of standard Quality. Ifij two samples tested of imported consignments were also reported to be of standard quality.

(e) to (g) The manufacture of Human Diploid Cell inactivated Rabies Vaccine involves high technology with sophisticated quality control and standardisation and the vaccine is price-controlled under Drug Price Control Order. The total course of the vaccine on an average is six doses. All the imported consignments are routinely checked in respect of storage conditions of the vaccine. 7abelling provisions, standards as submitted by the manufacturer and other related documents and finally a random sampling is done for testing.

DTC buses plying in Delhi

1159. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state;

(a) the number fo D.T.C. buses plying on the roads of Delhi daily at present;

(b) the volume of pasengers handled by them daily; and

(c) the $step_s$ being taken to reduce heavy rush during peak hours and reduce transport bottlenecks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE! OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRA-PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) D. T C. operates at present a fleet of 5316 buses including P O. $operator_3$ carrying an average 51.37 lakh passengers per day.

(c) Steps ar_e taken to augment the DTC fleet by inducting more buses.

Amount spent by Air India on Food and Beverages

1160. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU; Will the Miinster of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount spent towards supply of food and beverages by Ai'r India fo_r in-flight kitchen an nually during the last three years on % flights from India to U. K. and back;

(b) the name of the contractor who is holding the contract in th_e past and the contractor who is holding the same at present; and

(c)i whether higher rate i_s being paid to the present contractor and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVfL AVIA TION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): ($_a$) the India-U.K.-India sector, food is uplifted not only from Bombay, but